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PRODUCTION OF HIGH QUALITY SILK
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is any possibility of production of high quality silk as is being produced in other countries like China and Japan; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. With the assistance of Japan International Cooperation Agency, the Government through the Central Silk Board (CSB) has taken up a project for promoting bivoltine sericulture technology development in the country. The project which began in 1991 and successfully developed certain technologies is in its second phase of five years from April 1997, and is engaged in transferring the technology to the field, adopting it to Indian conditions, and finding the correct set of extension practices. So far, the results are encouraging. The commercial exploitation of the bivoltine races is expected to result in production of raw silk of international standard in the country.